(d) the role played by Indian Navy in each of these cases; and

(e) the rescue policy adopted by Government in view of increasing cases of hijackings?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) The following hijackings involving ships with Indian crew have taken place. The dates of hijacking and release have been mentioned against each cash along with number of Indians on board:—

| | Name of Vessel | Flag | Hijacked/Released | No. of Indian Nationals |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| a. | M.V. Victoria | Jordan | 17.05.08/23.05.08 | 10 |
| b. | M.V. Iran Deyanat | Iran | 22.08.8/10.10.08 | 3 |
| c. | M.T. Stolt Valor | Hong Kong | 15.09.08/16.11.08 | 18 |
| d. | M.V. Delight | Hong Kong | 18.11.08/09.01.09 | 7 |
| e. | M.V. Biscaglia | Liberia | 28.11.08/21.01.09 | 25 |
| f. | F.V. Victoria-4 | Kenya | 3 Indian nationals taken hostage on 07.01.09 | |
| g. | M.T. Sea Princess-II Panama | | 2/3.01.2009 | 8 |

No Indian registered ship has been hijacked so far by Somalian pirates in the Gulf of Aden, though there has been several attempts, which were thwarted by the vessel itself, Indian naval patrol vessel or patrol vessels for the Coalition forces.

Except for the 3 Indian nationals taken hostage from the fishing vessel "VICTORIA-4" and 8 Indian nationals on M.T. "SEA PRINCESS-II, as mentioned above, all other ships/Indian nationals listed above have been released. There is no reported death of Indian nationals in captivity of the pirates.

(d) The Indian Navy had no direct role in the rescue of the above ships.

(e) The Government has approved deployment of Indian Naval warship with helicopters and marine commandos in the Gulf of Aden to patrol the normal route followed by Indian Flag ships during passage between Salalah (Oman) and Aden (Yemen). The presence of Indian Navy in the area will help to protect Indian sea borne trade and instill confidence in Indian sea faring community as well as work as a deterrent for pirates.

**Funds for road construction in Madhya Pradesh**

†1130. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether Central Government has provided additional funds to the States for construction of roads in the Naxal-affected areas;

(b) the details of the States and the funds provided to each of them;

(c) whether the funds have also been provided to the Naxal-affected areas of Madhya Pradesh (MP); and

(d) if so, the details of amount and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Presently road improvement schemes proposed by State Governments in Naxal-affected areas are being sanctioned under annual budgetary allocation for National Highways and Central Road Fund for State Roads. State-wise details of the sanction accorded are as under:—

| Sl. No. | State | Sanctioned | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | National Highways | | State Roads | |
| | | Length (km) | Amount (Rs. cr.) | Length (km) | Amount (Rs. cr.) |
| 1. | Jharkhand | 95.64 | 46.98 | | |
| 2. | Uttar Pradesh | 22.46 | 13.36 | | |
| 3. | Andhra Pradesh | | 16.00 | 16.00 | 7.30 |
| 4. | Maharashtra | | | 160.60 | 79.56 |
| 5. | Orissa | | | 20.00 | 38.25 |
| 6. | Chhattisgarh | 132.00 | 223.72 | | |
| | TOTAL | 250.10 | 283.56 | 197.60 | 125.11 |

Total Length = 447.70 km
Total cost = Rs. 408.67 crore

(c) and (d) Proposal for improvement of roads in Naxal-affected areas is awaited from Government of Madhya Pradesh.

**NHs in Uttar Pradesh**

1131. SHRI MOHAMMED ADEEB: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of National Highways (NHs) in Uttar Pradesh (UP);

(b) the details of those which are in poor, unsatisfactory, satisfactory, good and excellent condition, respectively;